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1. US DEL SHOULD MAKE LOW KEY APPROACH TO BRITISH ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

(A) WE WOULD PREFER POSTPONEMENT OF SEABEDS TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE, BUT RECOGNIZE, IN LIGHT OF EXPLICIT PROVISION FOR FIVE-YEAR REVIEW IN ARTICLE VII OF TREATY, THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT CONSENSUS OF TREATY PARTIES. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BRITISH VIEWS ON PROSPECTS FOR ACHIEVING SUCH CONSENSUS.

(B) IF POSTPONEMENT WERE NOT FEASIBLE, WE WOULD BE WILLING TO PROCEED WITH INITIATING CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS AT NEXT UNGA, AS SUGGESTED IN AMB ALLEN'S STATEMENT. HOWEVER, WE WOULD MAKE CLEAR, PERHAPS LATER IN CURRENT CCD SESSION BUT IN ANY EVENT AT UNGA, OUR VIEW THAT BOTH PREPARATORY ACTIVITY AND CONFERENCE ITSELF SHOULD BE MODEST IN SCALE. (E.G. SINCE TREATY REQUIRES GENEVA VENUE, REVCON MIGHT BE SCHEDULED CONCURRENTLY WITH OR IMMEDIATELY BEFORE OR AFTER CCD).

(C) SPECIFICALLY, WE WOULD WANT TO LIMIT PREPARATIONS TO SINGLE, BRIEF SESSION OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, TO HOLD CONFERENCE ITSELF TO BRIEF DURATION, AND TO RETAIN FLEXIBILITY ON SCHEDULING OF CONFERENCE IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO TAKE PROGRESS IN LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE INTO ACCOUNT. (FYI. YOU SHOULD NOT IMPLY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SUBJECT MATTER OF LOS CONFERENCE AND REVCON; IF BRITISH RAISE QUESTION OF CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TWO CONFERENCES YOU SHOULD SAY THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE LOS CONFERENCE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED BEFORE REVCON CONVENED. END FYI).

2. DEL SHOULD REPORT BRITISH REACTION BEFORE UNDERTAKING FURTHER CONSULTATIONS. KISSINGER

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